Immunisation of Children

2286. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 46 per cent children in the country have not been immunized against vaccine preventable diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to immunize all the children against the vaccine preventable diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) As per UNICEF evaluation, the percentage of fully immunized children in the country against the six vaccine preventable diseases namely childhood tuberculosis, diptheria, pertusis, poliomyelitis, measles and neo-natal tetanus in 2000-2001 was 53.6%.

(c) Under Universal Immunisation Programme implemented by Government of India through the States, vaccination is available to the children throughout the Country for control of six vaccine preventable diseases.

As a part of the Immunisation Strengthening Project, the RCH Outreach Scheme is being implemented to improve the delivery of immunization and other maternal and child health services in remote and comparatively weak in 151 districts of various States.

Contaminated bottled drinking water

2287. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a swoop on errant bottled drinking water manufacturers, Government have cancelled the ISI quality mark licence of even more plants, including three producing popular brands; and

(o) if so. the steps Government are taking to ensure that the quality standards of bottled water are maintained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per information made available by Bureau of Indian Standards, while carrying out their surveillance activity, various discrepancies were observed in the operation of licences in three bottled drinking water units. Accordingly, they were put under stop marking. Under stop marking conditions, these firms are not authorized to put BIS Mark on their product till permitted by BIS after verification of corrective actions taken by them. Licences are not cancelled. None of these units were producing popular brands.

(b) To improve the monitoring of the operation of bottled water licences, it has been decided to increase the number of inspections of bottled water units by Bureau of Indian Standards.

The number of samples to be drawn from the factory as well as the market have also been increased.

Import of drugs

2288. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the registration system for imported drugs is in operation;

(b) the details of the applications received; and

(c) the status of the pending applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of applications received and status of applications as on 15th July, 203 are given below:-

No. of Applications received for registration of manufacturing sites-		706
No. of Registration certificates issued to manufacturing sites	-	493
No. of applications pending due to incomplete documentation	-	26
No. of applications pending for registration	-	187

Details of applications received, issued and pending as on 15.7.2003 is also available on the website www.cdsco.nic.ln.The website is regularly